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90° Centrifugal N. Y.	Cents	Dollars
Price, Hawaiian basis	5.25	\$104.70
Last previous quotation	5.21	\$104.20

## GERMAN FORCES ATTEMPT TO CUT THROUGH FRENCH LINES AT VERDUN

Launching One Titanic Attack After Another, Troops of Crown Prince Seek Once More To Cut Way Towards City of Paris

## TEUTONICS CAPTURE VILLAGE OF FORGES

This Is Nine Miles From Stronghold, But Gallies Retaliate By Checking Enemy and Inflicting Slaughter With the Artillery

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, March 7.—Launching one terrific attack after another upon the French lines that are guarding Verdun, the Germans are once more seeking to hammer their way through, and clear the path to Paris.

The thrusts that follow each other in rapid succession and increased ferocity, are fully equal to those that pressed back the battle front three miles in the first battle last week, and ended with the capture of the Fort Douaumont.

Despatches from the front last night reported that the Teutonic drive so far has resulted in the capture of the little village of Forges, nine miles northwest of Verdun, but that an equally strong attack upon Cote Loisy has been repulsed with frightful slaughter.

The attackers have, it is announced, succeeded in occupying a portion of the trenches held by the French at Maison Champagne, in the Champagne district, but on the other hand, the French have successfully held them back in spite of heavy artillery bombardment and repeated infantry assault at Mont Tete.

The French artillery is more than holding its own in this battle. One of the big German munition posts in the Argonne has been exploded by the fire of French six-inch guns, which are rendering most effective service all along the battered lines.

Berlin reports that the Germans on Saturday and Sunday succeeded in capturing one thousand yards of trenches at Verdun, and despatches from The Hague announce that the Teutons evidently are making further preparations for assaults on other parts of the western line.

Cavalry Moves Against Britons Forty thousand cavalry is said to be on its way toward the front at Ypres, now held by British troops. Other troop movements are also reported. Twenty-seven car loads of German wounded are said to have left the Verdun front.

The French center is now at Douaumont and is holding firmly, while the Germans are hammering at the flanks. On Woivre plain, where the contending armies have been battling tenaciously the Germans have concentrated an intense artillery fire, centering in the regions of Huelmont and Fresnoy. On the extreme left the German artillery is pounding the French positions in the Lamortonne region.

Furious German Assault Meanwhile the Germans are keeping up furious assaults against the main defenses of Verdun. Military and political circles of France are satisfied. The opinion prevails that the German efforts will be more easily disposed of now than was expected. As a consequence of this confidence French rentes are rising fractionally.

STEWARDS OF STEAMER SIERRA ARE ARRESTED (Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) PAGO PAGO, March 7.—Robert Beck and Charles Fredericks, stewards on the Oceanic steamer Sierra, were arrested here yesterday charged with attempting to smuggle liquor into the port. Beck, who is the famous Olympic swimmer, was bailed out and allowed to proceed, but Fredericks was held by the authorities. PAGO PAGO is a naval station and "dry" territory under the orders of the secretary of the navy.

SAN FRANCISCO HAS ANOTHER TONG WAR (Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Tong warfare broke out again last night in one of the theaters of Chinatown. Pong Wing, a member of the Sney One, killed one member of the Hop Sing tong and wounded four, three of them fatally, in a desperate fight. He then surrendered to the police.

## BELIEVE GERMAN FLEET PREPARING FOR A BIG ATTACK

May Try To Cut Way To Liberty Through Throttling Allied Squadrons

## KAISER'S SUBMARINES AT WORK NEAR OXELSUND

Report of Contemplated Move By Teuton Admra. Comes From Scandinavia

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) LONDON, March 7.—The German Baltic fleet is preparing to come out and give battle to the fleets of Great Britain and Russia, according to reports reaching this city from Scandinavian sources.

Russian torpedo boat destroyers have been reported busy in the Baltic in the vicinity of Oland, and German submarines are known to be operating extensively in the neighborhood of Oxelsund.

The general understanding that the Allies are preparing to intercept all German traffic between the German Baltic ports and the Scandinavian ports when the ice melts in the Spring is believed to have stirred the Teutons to a realization that the success of such a move would cut them off entirely from the world, and will force them to make the naval attack predicted by the Swedish and Norwegian despatches.

## WOULD EVEN NAVY WITH TEUTON FLEET

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Admiral Fletcher believes that three dreadnoughts and four battle cruisers, such as are now proposed, would, if added to the navy of the United States place our naval force on a level with that of Germany, so much so that the members of the house naval affairs committee at the public hearing yesterday.

"With these additions, and the necessary auxiliary ships," said the admiral, "I believe that we would be in a position to make a good defense on either or both coasts, against any two enemies that might come against us with the single exception of Great Britain."

"Our thirty-five knot battle cruisers, now being planned, would, I believe, offset the seven battle cruisers that Germany will have by the time these ships are ready for commission."

## PRISONERS BURN TO DEATH IN FIRE

Eighteen Men Perish When Infectant Ignites and Forty Others May Die

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) EL PASO, March 7.—Eighteen prisoners in the city jail were burned to death, and the institution was destroyed by fire last night. Forty others suffered so severely that it is feared they, too, will die.

Flames started in a bathroom, where a number of the inmates were taking a bath. The disinfectant used is of a highly inflammable nature and when one of the men struck a match there was an explosion that scattered the burning fluid over the naked bodies of the men, and caught the woodwork of the room.

Instantly there was a panic and the nude, screaming victims burst out of the doors and down the street, until the blazing stuff burned itself out.

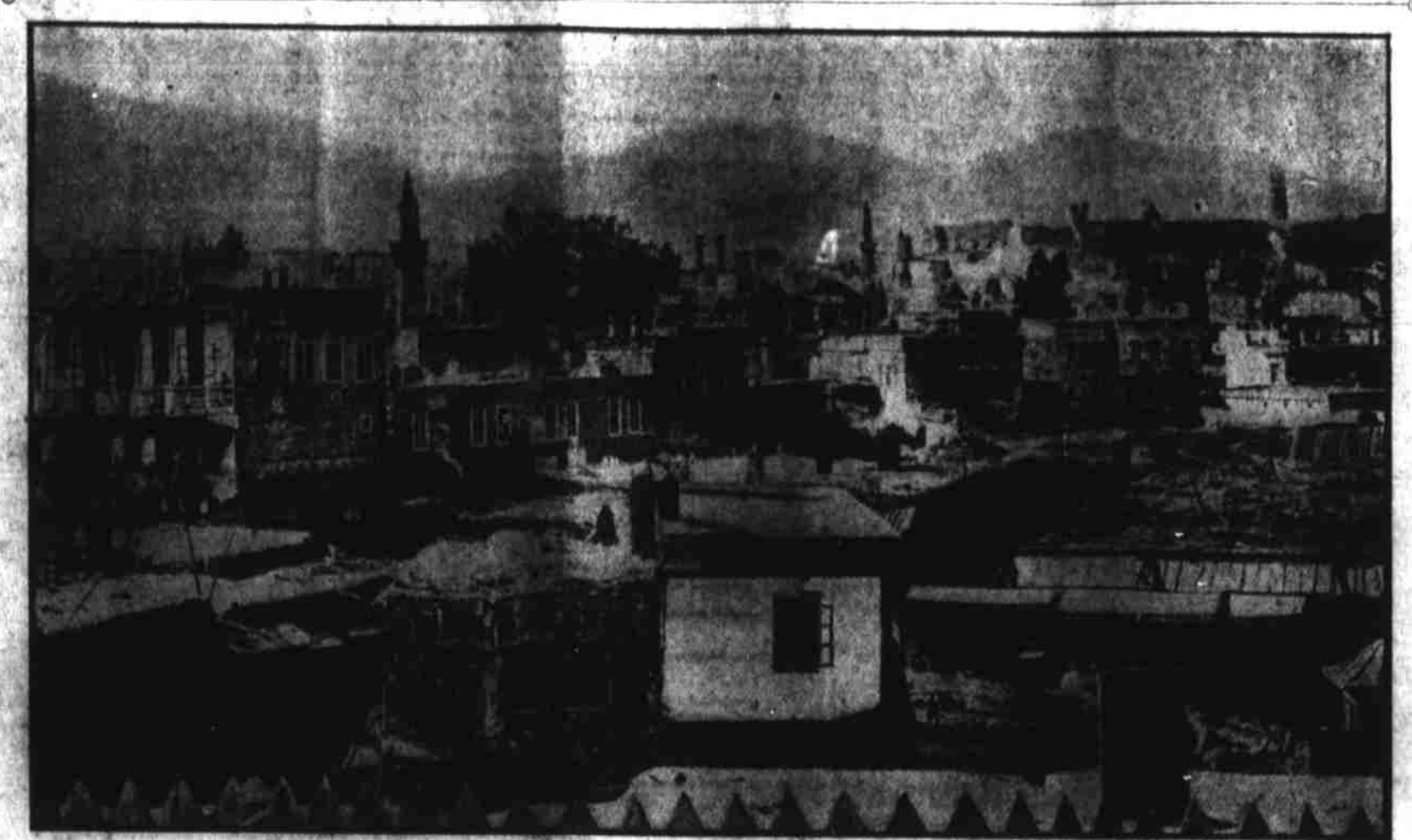
## FRANCE HAS STOPPED SUGAR IMPORTATIONS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 7.—Despatches to the state department from Paris announced last night that a provisional decree has been issued in France prohibiting the importation of refined, raw or powdered sugars of foreign origin after March 3. The decree was not applied, it is said, to contracts entered into prior to February 1.

## ITALIAN AEROPLANES RAID AUSTRIAN BASE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) GENEVA, March 7.—Reports from Swiss and Austrian sources announce that Italian aeroplanes have made a successful air raid upon the barracks and military station at Lebach. In all more than eight hundred Austrian soldiers were killed and wounded by the explosions caused by the aerial bombardment of the Italian planes.

## City of Erzerum, In Asia Minor, Captured By Russians Under Grand Duke Nicholas



## CHINA MAIL TAKES ACTION TO EXPAND

California Gives Company Authority To Raise More Money To Purchase Steamers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—Permission to issue \$2,100,000 additional shares was granted by the California commissioner of corporations to the China Mail Steamship Company, now operating the steamer China between San Francisco, Honolulu and the Orient. With this new capital stock it is proposed to buy and operate more steamers between America and China, via Hawaii.

## THREE MORE SHIPS WANTED

First stock issued by the China Mail was \$2,100,000, American gold, or \$5,000,000, Hongkong Mex. About \$25,000 of stock was sold here. M. Q. Fong, secretary of the company, who came here in the China in January, said that three additional steamers were wanted and that the capital would be increased when they could be bought. In the light of this statement, the increase probably means that the company has negotiations under way for vessels.

The Korea and Siberia of the Pacific Mail are the type of ships desired. This latest increase will put the stock of the company at \$10,000,000, Hongkong Mex. or \$4,200,000, American gold, in round figures. The China cost \$300,000, but the first capitalization would not have been enough to buy three additional steamers of the Korea class.

## FORMER MUTUAL LIFE PRESIDENT PASSES OUT

Richard A. McCurdy Dies At Home In New Jersey

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) MORRISTOWN, New Jersey, March 7.—Richard Aldrich McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, died at his home in this city last night, after a long illness.

Mr. McCurdy was born in New York, January 29, 1835, and was educated at Harvard, where he won the degree of LL.B. After his graduation he practiced law for a time in New York and was finally appointed attorney for the Mutual Life Insurance Company. In 1865 he was elected vice president of the company and held that position until, in 1885, he was chosen president. He resigned from that office in 1906. Mr. McCurdy was enormously wealthy, and played an important part in the management of several great companies, besides others the Bell Telephone Company, of which he was president.

## SHERMAN CARRIES RECRUITS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—The U. S. transport Sherman sailed from this port last night with 175 recruits on board, destined to fill the gaps in the regiments doing garrison duty in Hawaii.

## PRESIDENT APPOINTS OHIO MAN AS SECRETARY OF WAR

NEWTON DIEHL BAKER, Former Mayor of Cleveland, Who Has Accepted Cabinet Appointment As War Secretary



## Former Mayor of Cleveland Is Named To Fill Vacant Cabinet Office

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 6.—It is learned today that Newton D. Baker, former mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, has been selected as secretary of war to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Lindley M. Garrison. He has accepted and is preparing to come to Washington.

HAS NO NATIONAL RECORD Newton Diehl Baker is a native of Martinsburg, West Virginia, and forty-five years old. He was educated in the Johns Hopkins and Washington and Lee universities, receiving from the latter the degree of doctor of laws. After serving as private secretary to Postmaster General Wilson, 1896-7, he made Cleveland, Ohio, his home, entering the practice of law. From 1902 to 1912, Mr. Baker was city solicitor of Cleveland, and its mayor for the two terms, 1912-14 and 1914-16. Although a Democrat, he has never taken much part in national politics.

## AMERICAN SHOTS DOWN MEXICAN COMMANDANT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) EL PASO, March 7.—An American motorman last night shot and killed General Juarez Gaxiola, commander of the Mexican garrison at Juarez, across the river from this city. He was arrested.

## WAR POLICY STARTS BIG FIGHT IN HOUSE

Republicans Line Up With Administration Democrats To Defeat Another Bill

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 7.—House Democrats have been recalled to their places in the house of representatives by the party whips in order that they may be ready to assist in tabling the resolution introduced last week by Representative Jeff McLemore of Texas, which is similar in tone to the Gore resolution defeated so decisively in the senate.

Congressman Mann, leader of the Republicans, is fighting hard against the resolution, aiding the administration forces in their struggle. In an address on the floor of the house yesterday he declared that the question raised by the McLemore resolution, of the right of Americans to travel in armed merchant ships flying the flag of one or the other of the warring powers, should never have been brought up in congress.

Congressman Bailey declared last night that there is no indication that an agreement can be reached. Former Secretary of State Bryan, who has been here on a lecture engagement, was guest of honor at a luncheon yesterday. He was asked for a statement on the present crisis, by several of his fellow guests, but declined to give any answer, saying that he does not feel like embarrassing the administration.

## GENERAL VILLA ON WAY TO SEE WILSON

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 7.—General Villa is reported by General Pershing, to have been seen six miles south of Columbus, New Mexico. He is believed to be attempting to make his way to Washington, where, it is said, he hopes to see President Wilson personally, and to explain his present position.

## GREAT PACKING FIRMS WILL INCREASE WAGES

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) CHICAGO, March 7.—Thirty thousand employees of the big packing firms of Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and others, have just been notified that after this week they are to receive an addition to their pay. In all the added payroll will amount to about \$30,000 weekly for the three companies.

## ARMY ENGINEER CORPS WILL HAVE NEW CHIEF

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.) WASHINGTON, March 7.—President Wilson yesterday sent to the senate nomination of Col. William Black, United States Engineer, as the successor to General Kingman, chief of the Corps of Engineers. General Kingman has been retired for age.

## SLAV ARMY FAST CLOSING IN ON BLACK SEA PORT OF ROUTED TURK

Trebizond, Goal of Latest Attack By Troops Under Grand Duke Nicholas Bombarded By Russian Torpedo Boat Destroyers

## TARTAR FORCES LANDED UPON ARMENIAN COAST

Petrograd Reports Capture of Towns Lying In Path of White Czar's Columns Marching West Toward Capitol of Ottomans

PETROGRAD, March 7.—Fresh successes are reported from the troops under the command of the Grand Duke Nicholas, operating in the Armenian coast of the Black Sea, against Trebizond. These columns have now captured Atina and Masprava, taking two officers and 250 men prisoners. The forces were landed to the east of Trebizond under the curtain fire of the warships which have been at work clearing the way for the advancing Russian troops.

A flotilla of torpedo boat destroyers yesterday attacked and bombarded Trebizond, the base of the Turkish army under the command of Field Marshal von der Goltz, which was so badly beaten at Erzerum. Several vessels in the harbor are said to have been damaged by the Russian shells, while the fire from the land forts proved ineffective.

Meet Slight Resistance The landing point for these new forces is about seventy miles east of Trebizond, and the troops are said to be meeting with but small resistance from the Turkish army. The troops are being transported from Batum, where they have been held in readiness for several months.

The fact that they were not used in the earlier stages of the Armenian campaign leads to the belief that the Grand Duke has under his command a fresh army to push an aggressive campaign through Armenia, driving westward toward Constantinople, or to the southwest to join the British in Mesopotamia, or for an attack on Bagdad from the north.

If he decides upon the latter course he is expected to push forward at once against Diarbekir, 140 miles southwest of Erzerum.

## Fleet At Work

The Russians have occupied Wit de or Widge, and pressed forward ten or twelve miles westward. The fleet has destroyed several shore batteries and keeping well in advance of the land forces and by destroying bridges over several streams in the path of retreating Turks has rendered their retreat more difficult. The fleet has been working so close to the shore that the warships have been reached by rifle fire from the Turkish troops.

The rapid Russian offensive beyond Erzerum, it is believed here, makes it probable that the retreat of the Turkish corps operating along the Black Sea coast and of those troops which were active in the Mush district before the Russian occupation will be entirely cut off and that the main Turkish armies will be surrounded.

Capital In Turmoil That the people of Constantinople fear this increasingly, is shown by the repeated reports of riots against the Young Turk party and the continuance of the war in the Ottoman capital.

News from Constantinople represents the situation there as most critical since the news of the fall of Erzerum has leaked out.

The always latent dissatisfaction of the people with their Young Turk rulers is now assuming hourly more threatening proportions, both in the capital and the provinces, especially in Smyrna, where the populace is in almost open revolt.

The leaders of disaffection are Osman Pasha, Abdi Pasha and Suwat Pasha. Startling developments, it is asserted, may be confidently expected very shortly.

Other reports from the capital say that a band of Turkish women broke into the railway yards when troop trains were leaving, protesting against sending the men to death. They protested themselves on the rails in front of the engines and would not allow the trains to be moved. Later in the night the troops were secretly moved.

The people of Constantinople had been led to believe that a German victory had been won at Verdun and rioted when they learned the advance was checked. The riots were suppressed by German troops.